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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK		
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Plaintiff,	:	
-against-	:	No. 07-CV-11049 (NRB)
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Sworn to before me this  $25^{+}$  day of June, 2008

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May 1, 2008

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New York, NY 10020

#### BY MAIL AND FACSIMILE

Re: Global Energy and Management, LLC v. Xethanol Corporation, et al., 07 CV 11049 (NRB)

Dear Counsel:

We have received defendants' letter dated April 21, 2008, requesting leave to file a motion to dismiss the above-captioned case. At this time, we wish to afford plaintiff a final opportunity to amend his complaint within fourteen (14) days, if he believes he can do so consistently with Fed. R. Civ. P. 11 and in a fashion that addresses the problems identified by defendants. We do so in the interest of avoiding an unnecessary round of motion practice. Further, having been afforded the opportunity to amend its complaint in response to defendants' submission, plaintiff should not anticipate being granted a further opportunity to amend, should we find that there is merit in some or all of defendants' arguments.

If, after reviewing the third amended complaint or receiving notice that the plaintiff will stand firm on its second amended complaint, the defendants still wish to make their motion, the parties shall agree on a proposed briefing schedule, spanning no more than 60 days between the due dates for the defendants' opening and reply briefs, and submit a proposed scheduling order by no later than May 23, 2008.

Very truly yours,

Naomi Reice Buchwald

United States District Judge

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May 15, 2008

Clerk
United States District Court
for the Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007-1312

Re: Global Energy & Management, LLC v. Xethanol Corp. et al 07 Civ. 11049 NRB

Dear Sirs:

I enclose an original and two copies of a third amended complaint and jury demand. Please file the original and return "Filed" copies to me in the enclosed return envelope.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Vort

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cc: Hon. Naomi Reice Buchwald Paduano & Weintraub, LLP 07-160 :

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

GLOBAL ENERGY AND MANAGEMENT, : LLC, a limited liability company of Connecticut, :

Plaintiff,

07 Civ. 11049 NRB

-vs-

XETHANOL CORPORATION, CHRISTO:
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LANGBERG, LAWRENCE S. BELLONE,:
LOUIS B. BERNSTEIN, DAVID AMES,
and ROBIN BULLER,

THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT and DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Defendants. :

Global Energy and Management, LLC, a limited liability company of Connecticut ("plaintiff" or "Global Energy"), with its principal place of business at 130 Captains Drive, Westbrook, Connecticut, complains as follows:

#### JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENT

- 1. Global Energy is a limited liability company of Connecticut whose principal place of business is located in Connecticut.
- 2. All members of Global Energy are citizens of Connecticut.
- 3. Xethanol Corporation is a Delaware corporation whose principal place of business is in New York.
- 4. Upon information and belief, none of the individual defendants is a Connecticut citizen.

- 5. The amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs.
- 6. Upon information and belief, defendant Christopher D'Arnaud-Taylor was an officer of Xethanol at all times relevant to this action.
- 7. Upon information and belief, defendant Jeffery Langberg was a director of Xethanol at certain times relevant to this action and an advisor to the board of directors at other times relevant to this action.
- 8. Upon information and belief, defendant Lawrence S. Bellone was a director and the chief financial officer of Xethanol at all times relevant to this action.
- 9. Upon information and belief, defendants Louis Bernstein, David Ames, Thomas J. Endres, Robert Buller, David Kreitzer and John Murphy were either directors, officers or employees of Xethanol at all times relevant to this action.
- dants represented to Lee Tyrol and other representatives of Global orally on many telephone calls and in innumerable meetings that Xethanol could manufacture cellulosic ethanol (ethanol made from garbage and wood as opposed to ethanol made from corn or sugar) in a commercially profitable manner. Defendants misrepresented the state of Xethanol's business operations and the state of the technology it possessed. They stated that Xethanol owned

patents and other technology from which it could manufacture ethanol from bio-mass in a profitable manner. They also stated that they were currently producing 6,000,000 gallons of ethanol a year. More particularly:

- a. In a brochure published in January 2005 entitled "Xethanol: Biomass to Biofuels" that Xethanol was producing 6,000,000 gallons of ethanol a year.
- b. In a press release dated August 26, 2005, Xethanol reported that it had acquired the stock of Xylose Technologies, Inc.. The release quoted Christopher d'Arnaud Taylor as saying: "This is far more than a purchase of a milestone technology for lowering the cost of making ethanol from biomass. Rather, it is the pooling of Xethanol management with a world class scientific team headed by Dr. Jeffries that will continue to develop ways to make xylitol and ethanol more efficiently from biomass. This alliance with Dr. Jeffries and his team at the USDA Forest Products Lab will enable Xethanol to accelerate development and deployment of its biomass technologies."
- c. In a press release dated September 16, 2005, Xethanol stated: "Xethanol Corporation seeks to become a leader in the emerging biomass-to-ethanol industry. Its mission is to convert biomass that is currently being abandoned or land filled into ethanol and other valuable co-products, such as xylitol. Xethanol's strategy is to deploy proprietary bio-technologies that

will extract and ferment the sugars trapped in these biomass waste concentrations. Xethanol's goal is to produce ethanol and valuable co-products more cost effectively than corn-based processors with Xethanol plants located closer to biomass sources. In Iowa, Xethanol owns and operates two ethanol production facilities, where it is deploying these technologies."

On or about February 21, 2006 at the Xethanol office in đ. New York, Christopher D'Arnaud Taylor and Jeffrey Langberg told Lee Tyrol, William DiBella and Eric Bartone that Xethanol possessed the technology for the cellulosic production of ethanol on a commercially profitable basis. Taylor said that he could "make a plant" producing cellulosic ethanol that would make money and be profitable in Tyrol's front yard. Langberg produced a Tupperware container about two feet long, one foot wide and two feet deep which supposedly contained a sugar which was the byproduct of the cellulosic production of ethanol. Taylor demonstrated with markers on a whiteboard how one could put garbage into a plant and produce ethanol. Over the hand-drawn flow chart, Taylor wrote "Garbage In, Ethanol Out." Taylor and Langberg told the Global representatives that Xethanol was already converting garbage into ethanol at its Iowa plant and selling the product. After this meeting, Tyrol and William DiBella met with Joseph J. Grano, Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of Centurion Holdings, LLC, an advisor to the board of directors of Xethanol.

Grano stated that "these boys seem to have finally got it right," and he confirmed that Xethanol had the technology to convert garbage into ethanol in a commercially profitable manner.

- e. In a Form 10KSB filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about March 31, 2006, Xenathol described its plan of operation as follows: "Our expected revenue model is based on the sale of ethanol and a related co-product called xy-litol. Xylitol is a natural sweetener that was approved by the FDA in the 1980's for use in foods and beverages, including chewing gums, candles, toothpastes and diabetic regimens. Xylitol is a co-product derived from biomass-to-ethanol production. At the present time, we own two ethanol plants in Iowa Xethanol Bio-Fuels in Blairstwon and Permeate Refining in Hopkinton. We also own several proprietary bio-extraction, bio-separation and bio-fermentation technologies that are targeted at reducing costs throughout the entire ethanol production process as well as enabling the conversion of biomass to ethanol and xylitol."
- f. Defendants allowed Xethanol to be featured in the February 2006 issue of Fortune Small Business. D'Arnaud-Taylor represented that Xethanol had the technology to convert garbage into ethanol, stating "Xethanol isn't just relying on candy for its fuel supply. This year it plans to introduce a process that will make it possible to turn all kinds of things including cornstalks, grass clippings, and old newspapers into ethanol. . .

Xethanol will use a recently discovered form of yeast to ferment various types of garbage into ethanol. It has obtained rights to the process from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, where a scientist discovered that yeast in the intestines of a type of beetle can convert plant-based waste product into ethanol. This year d'Arnaud-Taylor intends to begin opening plants on the East Coast that will use yeast from the beetles to brew ethanol from sludge left over from paper milling. The plants will be able to make in total more than 100 million gallons a year."

- g. On or about May 18, 2006 at a meeting at the Xethanol office in New York attended by Christopher D'Arnaud Taylor, Jeffrey Langberg, Lawrence Bellone and Robin Bullers on behalf of Xethanol and by Lee Tyrol, Mark DiBella and Eric Bartone on behalf of plaintiff, Taylor drew another flow chart on a white board demonstrating that garbage could be placed within machinery which would ethanol. Langberg stated to Tyrol, DiBella and Bartone that this technology would "make a fortune" for Global and for Xethanol. Bellone and Bullers participated in the conversations, contradicted nothing said by Taylor and by Langberg and independently confirmed their beliefs that this process of converting garbage to ethanol was feasible and would be very profitable.
- h. On or about June 8, 2006 at the Xethanol office in New York, in the presence of Lee Tyrol, Erik Bartone and Mark DiBella, D'Arnaud Taylor, Langberg, Bellone and Bullers again stated that Xethanol had the technology with which to engage in the cel-

lulosic production of ethanol on a commercially profitable basis.

- 11. The representations made by defendants to Tyrol and the other Global representatives were false and known by defendants to be false when they were made.
- 12. Defendants made their representations in order to induce plaintiff to rely on them.
- 13. Global relied on the representations of defendants to its detriment and, in reliance on their representations, invested \$250,000 into New England Xethanol, a limited liability company formed by Global and by Xethanol to engage in the biomass to biofuels business.

Wherefore, Global demands judgment a) compelling defendants to repay Global's \$250,000 investment, b) Global's lost profits from New England Xethanol in such amount as the evidence shall prove, b) consequential damages, c) pre-judgment interest, d) costs of suit and e) such other relief as the Court may hold just and equitable.

#### DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury of all issues triable by jury.

ROBERT A. VORT, LLC

Dated: May 15, 2008

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June 29, 2006

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **WASHINGTON, DC 20549** FORM 8-K **CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT** TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): June 23, 2006

Date of topole (Date of our ness of the series)	,	
Xethanol Corporation		
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specifi	ed in Its Charter)	
Delaware		
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)		
000-50154	84-1169517	
(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)	
1185 Avenue of the Americas  New York, New York	10036	
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)	
(646) 723-4000		
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Incl	luding Area Code)	
(Former Name or Former Address, if Chan	ged Since Last Report)	
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction)	o simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the on A.2. below):	
☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)		
☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange A	ct (17 CFR 240.14a-12)	
☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))		
☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))		

#### SECTION 1 REGISTRANT'S BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

#### ITEM 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On June 23, 2006, Xethanol Corporation ("Xethanol") entered into an Organizational Agreement (the "Organizational Agreement") with Global Energy and Management LLC, a Connecticut limited liability company ("Global"), pursuant to which they organized a Delaware limited liability company known as NewEnglandXethanol, LLC ("NewEnglandXethanol"). On the same date, Xethanol and Global entered into an Operating Agreement (the "Operating Agreement") that relates to the operation and management of NewEnglandXethanol. Xethanol and Global organized NewEnglandXethanol to develop and operate facilities for the production of ethanol in the States of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine. Xethanol has granted NewEnglandXethanol and each Special LLC (as defined below) the non-exclusive right to use all Xethanol technology that may be useful for the development and operation of such facilities in the geographic areas in which NewEnglandXethanol intends to construct its facilities. Xethanol and Global each own a 50% membership interest in NewEnglandXethanol. NewEnglandXethanol will be managed by a Board of Managers, which will initially consist of four members. Xethanol and Global will each have the right to designate two of the members of the board.

Significant provisions in the Organizational Agreement include:

Special Purpose Limited Liability Companies. Each of NewEnglandXethanol's facilities will be constructed and operated by a special purpose limited liability company (a "Special LLC"). The manager of each Special LLC will be Lee A. Tyrol (a member of Global) or, if Mr. Tyrol is unable to serve, Global or its designee. Xethanol and Global will provide each Special LLC with certain services that are set forth in the Organizational Agreement in consideration of which each Special LLC will pay management fees to Xethanol and Global, also as set forth in the Organizational Agreement. Each Special LLC will also pay Xethanol a technology access fee as set forth in the Operating Agreement in consideration of Xethanol's license of its technologies to the Special LLC.

Capitalization. Global has agreed to contribute an aggregate of \$1,500,000 to the capital of NewEnglandXethanol in three installments. The initial installment of \$250,000 was paid upon the execution of the Organizational and Operating Agreements; the second installment of \$250,000 is payable within 90 days thereafter; and the final installment of \$1,000,000 is payable upon approval by Xethanol and Global of the construction of the first facility to be developed by NewEnglandXethanol.

Warrants to Purchase Xethanol Common Stock. Xethanol has issued to Global a warrant to purchase 20,000 shares of Xethanol's common stock, par value \$.001 per share ("Common Stock"), at a purchase price of \$6.85 per share that is first exercisable on June 23, 2007 (subject to a right of immediate exercise upon a Change of Control Event (as defined in the Organizational Agreement)) and is exercisable until June 23, 2010. Xethanol has granted Global certain registration rights with respect to the shares underlying the warrant.

Exchange of Global Interests. Upon a Change of Control Event, Global will have the right to exchange its interest in NewEnglandXethanol for shares of Common Stock, at an exchange rate to be agreed upon by Xethanol and Global or, if they cannot agree, at a rate based upon the appraised value of Global's interest in NewEnglandXethanol and 95% of the market price of the Common Stock for the 15 days preceding the completion of the valuation of Global's interest in NewEnglandXethanol.

Xethanol has agreed to permit Global to require Xethanol to exchange Global's interest in NewEnglandXethanol for shares of Common Stock at any time beginning June 23, 2007. The interests will be exchanged at a rate to be agreed upon by Xethanol and Global or, if they cannot agree, at a rate based upon the appraised value of Global's interest in NewEnglandXethanol and 90% of the market price of the Common Stock for the 15 days preceding the completion of the

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valuation of Global's interest in NewEnglandXethanol.

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#### SECTION 3 - SECURITES AND TRADING MARKETS

### ITEM 3.02. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities

On June 23, 2006, Xethanol issued to Global a warrant (the "Warrant") to purchase 20,000 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$6.85 per share. The Warrant is first exercisable on June 23, 2007 (subject to a right of immediate exercise upon a Change of Control Event) and is exercisable until June 23, 2010. The Warrant was issued in connection with and pursuant to the Organizational Agreement without consideration for the Warrant other than the obligations of Global under the Organizational Agreement. Xethanol did not receive any cash in connection with the issuance of the Warrant. No commissions were paid or payable with respect to the issuance of the Warrant.

Exemption from registration of the Warrant specified in the preceding subparagraph (a) is claimed under Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act") because the transaction did not involve a public offering and was therefore exempt from the registration requirements of Section 5 of the Act.

The Warrant is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 3.1.

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## SECTION 9 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

#### ITEM 9.01. Exhibits

Following is the Index of Exhibits furnished in accordance with Item 601 of Regulation S-K, filed as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K or incorporated by reference herewith:

- Organizational Agreement, dated as of June 23, 2006, by and between Xethanol Corporation and Global Energy and Management LLC.
- Operating Agreement dated as of June 23, 2006, by and between Xethanol Corporation and Global Energy and Management LLC.
- 3.1 Warrant dated as of June 23, 2006, issued by Xethanol Corporation to Global Energy and Management LLC.
- 99.1 Press release issued by Xethanol Corporation on June 27, 2006.

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# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**Xethanol Corporation** 

Date: June 27, 2006

By: /s/ Lawrence S. Bellone

Lawrence S. Bellone Chief Financial Officer

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#### Exhibit 1.1

Organizational Agreement, dated as of June 23, 2006, by and between Xethanol Corporation and Global Energy and Management LLC.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL AGREEMENT

This Organizational Agreement is made as of the 23rd day of June, 2006 by and among Xethanol Corporation, a Delaware corporation with an address at 1185 Avenue of the Americas, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10036 ("Xethanol"), Global Energy and Management, LLC, a Connecticut limited liability company with an address at 130 Captains Drive, Westbrook, CT 06498 ("Global") and NewEnglandXethanol, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company with an address at 130 Captains Drive, Westbrook, CT 06498 (the "Company").

#### RECITALS:

- I. Xethanol and Global (each, a "Member" and, together, the "Members") have formed the Company for the purpose of initiating, developing, investing in and managing projects for the production of ethanol in the States of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine (the "Territory"); (ii) engaging in any or all general business activities that may be related or incidental to, or may appear conducive or expedient for the accomplishment of, the foregoing; and (iii) engaging in any business or activity that might be engaged in or carried on by a limited liability company formed under the Act. Each Member will have an interest in the Company as set forth in this Agreement.
- II. The Members have agreed upon the method by which they will manage the ethanol projects to be engaged in by the Company and upon certain financial obligations that they will have to each other and the Company. They wish to set forth their understandings and agreement in this Agreement.
- NOW, THEREFORE, in order to evidence their mutual agreements and understandings concerning the subject matter hereof, the parties hereto agree as follows:

#### 1. Organization of the Company.

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- NewEnglandXethanol Operating Agreement (the "Operating Agreement") that is attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A and will take or cause to be taken all such further action as may be necessary or proper to effect the existence of the Company under the laws of the State of Delaware. Pursuant to the Operating Agreement, Xethanol will own 5 Units of Interest as a Class A Member in the Company and Global will own 5 Units of Interest as a Class B Member in the Company. In consideration for such Interests,
- 1.1.1 Global will contribute the sum of \$1,500,000 to the capital of the Company. Such sum will be payable in three installments. The first installment of \$250,000 will be payable concurrently with the execution of this Agreement and the Operating Agreement (the "Effective Date"). The second installment of \$250,000 will be payable ninety (90) days from the Effective Date. The third installment of \$1,000,000 will be payable upon on the date on which the construction of the first Facility (as hereinafter defined) is approved by the Members.

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1.1.2 Xethanol will grant the Company and each Special LLC (as hereinafter defined) a nonexclusive license to use (without the right to sublicense) in the Territory all of its intellectual property that is useful in developing or operating Facilities including, but not limited to, patents and know-how relating to ethanol production and the engineering of biorefineries for ethanol production, feedstock analysis and procurement, plant location, strategic alliances, customers, corporate branding, plant management, recruitment and training. Xethanol will provide such information to the Company and to each Special LLC upon request, and will furnish them with reasonable assistance to use such information for the purposes of development and operation of the Facility being developed by the relevant Special LLC. All of such information shall be deemed to be, and shall be treated by Global, the Company and each Special LLC as, Confidential Information in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.1 of this Agreement.

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- 2. Project Management. The Company, with the assistance of Global and Xethanol, will be responsible for site selection and acquisition, the development of facilities for the production of ethanol and the management of those facilities. in accordance with the following:
- 2.1 The facilities which the Company will develop pursuant to this agreement will be biorefineries for the production of ethanol, each having an annual production capacity of 40,000,000 barrels of ethanol per year (each, a "Hacility").
- 2.2 The Company and Global will identify sites within the Territory for the proposed location of Facilities. Upon identification of each site, the Company will so notify the Members and, upon approval of such site by the Members, the Company and Global will commence negotiation for the acquisition or lease of such site.
- Upon identification of a site for a Facility, the Company and Global shall cause a Bankable Feasibility Study with respect to such facility and its operation, to determine whether or not such Facility can support a standalone capital structure (each, a "Study"). Among other things, each Study will set forth the risks and returns applicable to each Facility, the terms and conditions for the financing of such facility and a preliminary analysis of available feedstock. pricing and quantity. The Study will include financial modeling illustrating total required capital investment for the Facility and proposed financing terms, operating cash flow scenarios, debt servicing (with coverages) and returns on membership interests.
- If the Company and Global are successful in procuring a site, the Study applicable to such site is acceptable to both Global and Xethanol and the Company has been able to procure financing for the construction and operation of the applicable Facility that is acceptable to both Global and Xethanol, then the Company will form a singlepurpose limited liability company (a "Special LLC"), of which the Company will be the sole Member, which will (a) acquire or lease that site, (b) conduct such environmental and other tests as are required, (c) engage engineers, architects and other professional advisors as may be necessary for the development of a Facility on such site, (d) enter into contracts for the construction of, and effect the construction of, such Facility and (e) operate such Facility, directly or under contract with third parties.

- 2.5 The Company will, and Global and Xethanol will assist the Company to, raise investment capital from third parties for purposes of funding the development and operation of each Facility. Xethanol will have the right, but not the obligation, to invest in any or all of such Special LLCs, on the same terms as are offered to third party investors. Such investment may be made, at the option of Xethanol, in either the applicable Special LLC or the Company, in which latter event the percentage interest to be obtained by Xethanol in the Company shall be agreed upon by Global and Xethanol or, in the absence of such agreement, determined by arbitration held before a single arbitrator sitting in New York, NY, and appointed and acting in accordance with the commercial arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect.
- 2.6 Subject to obtaining necessary approvals from Xethanol as the Class A Member of the Company, Global shall cause the commencement of construction (or, in the case of conversion of an existing facility to become a Facility, the commencement of such conversion) of at least one (1) Facility during 2006 and shall cause the commencement of construction (or, in the case of conversion of an existing facility to become a Facility, the commencement of such conversion) of at least one (1) additional Facility during 2007.
- 2.7 Lee A. Tyrol, a Member of Global ("Tyrol"), or, if Tyrol is unable to serve, Global or another person designated by Global and reasonably acceptable to Xethanol, will be the Manager of each Special LLC; provided, however, that such Manager, will not have the right without the consent of the Members to:
  - 2.7.1 lease, license or purchase any material assets;
- 2.7.2 sell, lease, license or make any other disposition of any material assets of the Special LLC, other than in the ordinary course of its business;
  - 2.7.3 borrow money which is not for use in the ordinary course of business of the Special LLC;
- 2.7.4 make any loan on behalf of the Special LLC, or advance credit on behalf of the Special LLC (other than in the ordinary course of its business), or authorize the guarantee by the Special LLC of any obligation of any third party; or
- 2.7.5 issue any additional Membership Interests in the Special LLC, or the right or option to acquire any such interests, or any security convertible into such interests, other than (a) to employees, consultants and others providing services to the Special LLC, pursuant to plans or other arrangements approved by the Member.
- 2.7.6 Confess a judgment against the Special LLC, or the consent to the entry of any such judgment;

2.7.7 on behalf of the Special LLC, enter into any transaction or agreement of any nature, or modifying any agreement, with any person or firm which is an Affiliate of Global

- 2.8 Global will provide the Company and each Special LLC with the services set forth on Schedule A to this Agreement.
- 2.9 The Company will compensate Global and Xethanol for the services rendered pursuant to this Section 2 (other than, in the case of Xethanol, Sections 2.6 and 2.7) by payment to them of the amounts set forth in Sections 3.2 and 3.2, respectively. The Company will provide Global with such office space and secretarial and administrative assistance as he shall reasonably require in rendering his services as required hereunder.

#### 3 Financial Obligations.

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- 3.1 In consideration of the services to be rendered by Global as provided in Section 2.4., the Company will cause each Special LLC to pay Global a management fee as follows:
- 3.1.1 Commencing on the date that such Special LLC acquires title or enters into a long-tem lease to the property on which a Facility is to be built and ending on the earlier of (a) the date on which the applicable Facility first produces ethanol in commercial quantities or (b) the Company elects to discontinue development of that Facility, a monthly fee of \$15,000 per month, which fee shall be payable on the tenth day of each month during the period.
- 3.1.2 Commencing on the date that such Special LLC first produces ethanol in commercial quantities and thereafter until the first calendar month in which the operating cash flow of such Special LLC is positive, a monthly fee of \$15,000 per month, which fee shall be payable on the tenth day of each month during the period.
- 3.1.3 Commencing with the first month following the first calendar month in which the operating cash flow of such Special LLC is positive, a monthly fee equal to the greater of (s) \$15,000 or (b) the sum of (x) 3% of the gross revenues of the applicable Facility and (y) the net income (determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied) of such Special LLC with respect to such month, which fee shall be payable on the tenth day of each month during the period.
- 3.2 In consideration of the services to be rendered by Global in accordance with Section 2.1, commencing on the Effective Date, the Company will pay Global the sum of \$15,000 per month, plus expenses reasonably incurred by Global in rendering such services.
- 3.3 In consideration of the services to be rendered by Xethanol in accordance with Sections 2.1 through 2.5, inclusive, commencing on the date on which each Project is approved by the Company and ending on the date on which the Plant constructed as part of such Project first produces ethanol for commercial sale, the Company will pay Xethanol the sum of \$10,000 per month with respect to each such Project.

3.3.1 In consideration of the license granted by Xethanol in Section 2.5, the Company and each Special LLC shall, jointly and severally, pay Xethanol the amounts set forth Section 5.2.4 of the Operating Agreement.

#### 4 Equity Interests.

- 4.1 Concurrently with the execution of this Agreement, Xethanol shall issue Global warrants to purchase 20,000 shares of Xethanol's Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share. Such warrants shall be identical in form to the Class B Warrants issued to certain investors and attached as an exhibit of Xethanol's form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2006, except that:
  - 4.1.1 Such warrants shall have an exercise price of \$6.85 per share;
- 4.1.2 Such warrants shall be exercisable for a 3-year term commencing on the first anniversary of the date of this Agreement; provided, however, that such warrants shall become exercisable immediately upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Event, as defined in Section 4.2.

Subject to (a) compliance with applicable securities laws and regulations and (b) the consent of Xethanol, which consent shall not e unreasonably withheld, Global may distribute (or direct that Xethanol issue such warrants directly to) Global's management, key advisors and directors.

Xethanol shall use reasonable efforts to include the shares underlying such warrants in any registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, subject to (w) Global or the then holders of such warrants complying with such reasonable and customary requirements as Xethanol may request, including the providing of information and the entering into of customary indemnification agreements, (x) Global or the then holders of such warrants complying with such reasonable and customary requirements as any underwriter with respect to such registration may request, (y) cutbacks or limitations imposed by other holders of securities to be included in such registration statement and (z) or limitations imposed by any underwriter of the securities to be included in such registration statement.

4.2 Effective on and after the occurrence of a Change of Control Event with respect to Xethanol, Global shall have the option (the "Change of Control Right"), to require Xethanol to purchase the interest of Global in the Company in exchange for shares of the Common Stock of Xethanol. Global shall exercise its Change of Control Right, if at all, by giving Xethanol written notice of its election to do so within ten (10) days of the date the applicable Change of Control Event becomes effective. If Global shall exercise his Change of Control Right, Xethanol shall issue and deliver to Global as consideration for entire interest of Global in the Company, such number of shares of Xethanol Common Stock as Xethanol and Global may agree or, if no such agreement is reached within thirty (30) days of written notice from Global to Xethanol and Global may agree or, if no such agreement is reached within thirty (30) days of written notice from Global's interest in the Company, as determined by an investment banker mutually agreeable to Global and Xethanol, divided by (b) the average closing price of Xethanol Common stock for the 15 days preceding the date on which the valuation of Global's interest in the Company is received from such investment banker, multiplied by (c) 0.95. For purposes of this Section 4.1, a Change of Control Event shall mean the approval by the stockholders of Xethanol, and the completion of the transaction resulting from such approval, of (A) the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all the assets of the Company or (B) a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company; or the acquisition by any entity or individual of all or substantially all of the capital stock of the Company, other than in connection with a corporate reorganization of Xethanol.

4.3 Effective on and after the first anniversary of the date of this Agreement, Global shall have the option (the "Put Right"), to require Xethanol to purchase the interest of Global in the Company in exchange for shares of the Common Stock of Xethanol. Global shall exercise its Put Right, if at all, by giving Xethanol written notice of its election to do so. If Global shall exercise its Put Right, Xethanol shall issue and deliver to Global as consideration for entire interest of Global in the Company, such number of shares of Xethanol Common Stock as Xethanol and Global may agree or, if no such agreement is reached within thirty (30) days of written notice from Global to Xethanol that it is exercising its Change of Control Right, such number of shares as is equal to (a) the value of Global's interest in the Company, as determined by an investment banker mutually agreeable to Global and Xethanol, divided by (b) ninety per cent (90%) of the average closing price of Xethanol Common stock for the 15 days preceding the date on which the valuation of Global's interest in the Company is received from such investment banker.

#### 5 Miscellaneous.

- 5.1 Services of Global. Global shall fulfill all of its obligations contained in this Agreement by providing the services of Tyrol to the extent necessary to fulfill such obligations, without cost or expense to the Company other than the compensation to be paid to Global as provided herein.
- 5.2 Confidentiality. All information received by any party with respect to the business and affairs of the Company or any Special LLC shall be considered confidential and shall not be utilized by any other party for its advantage or disclosed to others to the detriment of such party; provided, however, that this sentence is not intended to and shall not prevent any disclosure of information relating to the Company or any Special LLC to the professional advisors or agents of any party nor to prevent any disclosure to the extent required by law, provided that they are subject to obligations with respect to the confidentiality and use of such information that are the same as contained in this Section 5.1. Confidential information shall be deemed to include all information disclosed by Xethanol pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.8.
- 5.3 Expenses. Each party hereto shall pay his, her or its own expenses in connection with the preparation of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein.
- Notices. All notices, requests, demands or other communi-cations required or authorized or contemplated to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if hand delivered or sent by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to a party at its address as first set froth above, or at such other address as any party may from time to time furnish to the other party by a notice given in accordance with the provisions of this Section. All notices shall be deemed given (i) two business days after deposit into the U.S. Mail, or (ii) when personally delivered in the manner provided in this Section.

- 5.5 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement.
- Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned by any party without the prior written consent of all of the parties hereto; provided that Associates may assign this Agreement to any entity which is controlled by or is under common control with it, without consent. Any attempt to assign this Agreement without the required consent shall be void. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties named herein and their respective heirs, successors and assigns.
- 5.7 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with the Exhibits hereto, contains the entire understanding between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof and may not be changed, modified, altered or amended except by an agree-ment in writing executed by the parties hereto.
- 5.8 Amendments. Any change, modification, alteration or amendment shall be effective only in the specific instance for the specific purpose for which given. Any waiver by either party of any of its rights under this Agreement or of any breach of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any other rights or of any other future breach.
- 5.9 <u>Applicable Law.</u> This Agreement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York for contracts to be performed wholly within the State of New York, without reference to conflict of law principles.
- 5.10 <u>Jurisdiction and Venue</u>. In the event that any legal proceedings are commenced in any court with respect to any matter arising under this Agreement, the parties agree that:
- 5.10.1 The courts of the State of New York and/or the United States Federal Courts located in the State of New York shall have exclusive jurisdiction over each of the parties hereto and over the subject matter of any such proceedings; and
- 5.10.2 the venue of any such action shall be in New York County, New York and/or the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.
- 5.11 <u>Headings</u>. The headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

Xethanol Corporation

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Global Energy and Management, LLC

By:/s/ Christopher D'Amaud-Taylor Christopher D'Amaud-Taylor CEO By: <u>/s/ Lee R. Tyrol</u> Lee R. Tyrol President and CEO

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#### Schedule A

#### Services to be Provided by Global

- 1. The selection, employment, promotion, discharge and supervision of the executive staff and through the executive staff, the hiring, promotion, discharge, and work of all other operating and service employees performing services on behalf of each Special LLC and relating to each applicable Special LLC. All employees shall be on the payroll of the applicable Special LLC. The decision in regard to any change or replacement of employees shall be at the sole discretion of Global.
- 2. The establishment of all prices and rate schedules for the products produced by the applicable Special LLC, and the negotiation and entering into of all contracts for the sale of its products by the applicable Special LLC.
- 3. The negotiation and arranging of contract for the acquisition of feedstock, utilities and other goods and services required for the operation of the applicable Facility, and the monitoring, supervision of the performance of third parties under and enforcement of such agreements.
- 4. Applying for, obtaining, and maintaining in the name of the applicable Special LLC all licenses and permits required of in connection with the operation of the applicable Facility. The applicable Special LLC shall execute and deliver any and all applications and other documents necessary therefor and to cooperate to the fullest extent possible with Global in the performance of these obligations.
- 5. The submission to the Company for its approval of an annual budget of operations thirty (30) days before the commencement of each fiscal year. Global may deviate from such budget if in its reasonable judgment a deviation is necessary or desirable for the efficient operation of the Facility, subject to the approval of the Company, unless in the judgment of Global, the expense in question must be incurred as an emergency expense.
- 6. The implementation and maintenance of suitable accounting and internal control systems.
- 7. Performing all acts reasonably necessary in connection with the operation of the applicable Facility in an efficient and proper manner.